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RE: Draft Guidance Document: Use Medicated Feeds for Minor
Species
Docket # 99D-2638

Fish Partners primarily produces channel catfish for food markets and recreational fishing. However, we also grow other species of fish and continually evaluate various species of fish for their potential as viable aquaculture species for human food consumption.

There are few approved drugs even for catfish, which are by far the largest segment of USA's aquaculture industry, and virtually none for many aquatic animal species. It is vital for the growth of the aquaculture industry that effective low cost drugs are made available to the aquaculture industry and that these drugs are available with the least amount of prudent paperwork required. There should be no requirement for unnecessary and meaningless paperwork.

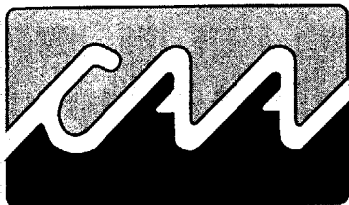
The Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act of 1994 (AMDUCA) failed to include the permitted use of medicated feeds in its provisions. I support current efforts to authorize extra-label use of medicated feeds in minor species as a reasonable solution to the current lack of sufficient drugs approved for minor species.

Sincerely,

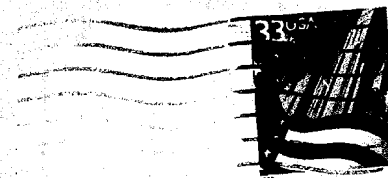
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